

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sunday, August 25, 2019
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary time



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Saturday 8:30 am (except Wednesday)
Wednesday 7:00 pm
First Friday Mass 2:00 pm
@Homestead Nursing Home
Holy Days 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 pm

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the office to arrange.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, August 24 – Feast of St. Bartholomew,

Apostle

RV 21:9B-14 / JN 1:45-51

8:30 am Intentions of Ariana Diani *by Carol*

5:00 pm For God's will on Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

Sunday, August 25

IS 66:18-21 / HEB 12:5-7, 11-13 / LK 13:22-30

7:30 am For God's will on Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

9:00 am Veronica Grossi *by Falotico Family*

11:00 am Eugene Streeter
by Knights of Columbus Council 9920

Monday, August 26

1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-10 / MT 23:13-22

8:30 am Marion Gross *by Frances DeWitt*

For God's will on Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

Tuesday, August 27 – Memorial of Saint Monica

1 THES 2:1-8 / MT 23:23-26

8:30 am For God's will on Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

Wednesday, August 28 – Memorial of St. Augustine,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 THES 2:9-13 / MT 23:27-32

7:00 pm Intentions of the Lombardo Family
by Lombardo Family

For God's will on Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

Thursday, August 29 – Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 THES 3:7-13 / MK 6:17-29

8:30 am For God's will on Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

Friday, August 30

1 THES 4:1-8 / MT 25:1-13

8:30 am For God's will on Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

Saturday, August 31 – Feast of St. Bartholomew,

Apostle

1 THES 4:9-11 / MT 25:14-30

8:30 am Bob Froetscher *by Barbara Froetscher*

5:00 pm For God's will on Nelson Tirado *by C. Tirado*

Sunday, September 1

SIR 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / HEB 12:18-19, 22-24A / LK 14:1, 7-14

**7:30 am Deceased Members of Muller & Weisser
Families** *by Deacon Ed & Mary Lou Muller*

9:00 am Eugene Streeter *by Larry & Mary Anne Condit*

11:00 am Isadore Crivelli *by Marie & Lou Nazzaro*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

John and Lucy Barrett, Ann Bott, Walter & Concetta Brock Jr., Bradley Burchfield, Ted Cassera, Joseph Colon, Olivia Compton, Fr. Angelus Croce, Stephanie Cuomo, Ingrid Diaz, Kara Deserto, Doug Ernst Sr., Donna Gatto, Richard Hennings, Eva Kieger, Ava Kljajic, Bruce Konar, Joshua Koontz, Alex Krucinski, John Kucinski, Kden LeoGrande, Pete Mahler, Maria Mallozzi, Mary Jo Manno, Deacon Charles Mathias, Susanne Martone, Bob Metroke, Deacon Ed Muller, Bill Nagy, Mary Ellen Nienstedt, Stephen Osborn, Jason Parker, Sr., Lorraine Paxton, Clarence Remke, Peter F. Reynolds, Carol Rock, Colleen Romano, George Romano, Olga Romeo, Linda Ross, Rose Marie Sciascia, Carole Salvatore, John Samsock, Greg Schmiditty, Gloria Shope, Marianne Skrocki, Debbie Smith, Stephanie, Richie Sorce, Andrew Sorce, Dale Swoboda, Roberta Treptau, Connie VanHoven, David & Vince Ventresca, Brooke Zaleski

A GOOD STEWARD

Sunday, August 18 \$ 2,801.00

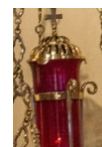
Online Giving \$ 250.00

Feast of the Assumption \$ 816.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**Second Collection this weekend is for Mission
Cooperation Plan*

*This Week the
Sanctuary Lamp Burns for
the Intentions of
Bob & Jen Metroke*



WOMEN AND MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES

We ask God the Father, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, to protect all the men and women in our Armed Forces. May they be brought back safely to those whom they love: Major Brandon Bennett, NJ Army National Guard (Federal); Larisa Furs, US Navy; Lt. Jason Gieniewski, US Army; Pvt. Daniel Michael Mobilio, Army; Captain Richi M. Pazdzierski, US Army; Captain Jane Petrick, Army; Lt. Daniel T. Pevarnik, Jr., National Guard; Captain Cheryl Ryan, US Army; Seaman Recruit Tyler Joseph Salonia; Michael Valeich, Staff Sergeant; Pvt. Zachary Wharton, Robert Williams, Airman



Help make a difference for the poor in Peru

Each year in parishes throughout the United States, parishioners have the opportunity to hear about the world missions. This weekend, Sister Michelle Humke, a Sister of St. Joseph, will speak at the masses on behalf of the Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet, who are across the United States and in Japan and Peru. Sister Michelle will speak about Peru and the work of the Sister of St. Joseph among those living in poverty and in the margins of society. Sister Michelle is well aware of the needs of the poor in Peru and has been a missionary in South America. Your prayers are requested for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in Peru and your generosity with your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

OLMC Parish Tricky Tray 2019

Our annual Tricky Tray will be held on Friday, August 30, 2019. As you might know, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year which benefits the entire church a great deal. The proceeds of the event go directly back to the church for expenses and repairs.

We need volunteers to assist the Tricky Tray team. Please call the office or contact Kelly Kays (201)317-7881 kellymariekays@yahoo.com or Kaitlin Voris (973)903-2176 ksheehyk@gmail.com if you can volunteer.

*Parishioners should have received a letter in the mail with a suggested items list for the Tricky Tray donations.

*The drop off dates of the trays are August 24 and 25 after all Masses. If you cannot make it during those times, you can drop it off at the parish office during business hours.

Religious Education

Religious Education Catechists are needed for the 2019-2020 school year. Religious Education is a wonderful way to help our children understand their faith. Our goal is to have two teachers in each classroom so that the students have continuity throughout the year should one teacher be unavailable. It is an easy, rewarding and faith-filled undertaking!

Training will be provided to everyone; all the work is outlined in the teacher's manual-even what to write on the board! We will guide you as you go. It is a worthwhile endeavor and the children appreciate it. Substitutes are needed when teachers are unavailable as well!

Please contact the **Religious Education Office at (973)579-2355** if you would like to share your faith with our children. Also, Catechists do not pay tuition for their children who are enrolled in our program. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry.

Thank you and God Bless, Dan Salvatore, CRE

"Surrender and Accept Jesus' Invitation to: The Banquet"

Presenter: Jim Browne, quick witted and faith filled famed Irish speaker

Topic: Getting closer to Jesus with Scripture based teachings

Dates: Tuesday, September 24th

Rosary: 8:00am

Holy Mass: 8:30am

Retreat: 9:45am—5:00pm

Wednesday, September 25th

Rosary: 8:00am

Holy Mass: 8:30am

Retreat: 9:45am—5:00pm



Cost of Retreat: \$85.00 (per person) Includes breakfast/lunch. Overnight accommodations are available for \$50 per night at St. Paul's Abbey.

Location: St. Paul's Abbey/289 US 206, Newton, NJ 07860

To register please contact:

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Louise Crann 973-903-5029

****SPACE IS LIMITED, PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY
TO SECURE A SPOT****

Religious Education Calendar

September 3rd – 7 pm - CCD Parent Meeting Grades K-7

September 8th – 8:30 am - Catechist Meeting

September 8th – 9 am - Children's Mass and First Day of Religious Education. Classes immediately following Mass. Classes will dismiss at 11:15 am

September 15th – 11 am Mass - Catechetical Sunday – Catechists commissioned at 11 am Mass

September 30th – 7:30 pm - 2nd Grade Parent Meeting for Sacramental preparation

Confirmation Schedule

September 8th – 9 am Mass followed by the Opening Catechetical Gathering ending at 11:15 am

September 17th – 7 pm – Confirmation Parent Meeting

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS ED AND
CONFIRMATION ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED

Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1995? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held Sunday, November 3, 2019.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. The deadline to register is Wednesday, October 9, 2019. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

Wine & Cheese Club

The next meeting of the OLMC Wine & Cheese Club will be **Saturday, September 7th**, immediately following the 5 pm Mass. Please join us for this grate way to social with members of the OLMC community. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be served. A donation of \$5 to cover expenses is suggested.

The Michael J. Burke Thrift Shop

(St. Joseph's Church located at 17 Halsted St., Newton) will be having half price sales on their incredible supply of household items from August 15 – September 7. The shop has also restocked all their clothing with Fall and Winter items. There is also a huge supply of CD's, DVD's and books. The Christmas Shop is also open and daily adds new items. Shop Hours are Thursday and Friday 10 am – 4 pm. The shop will be closed on Saturday's for the month of August

Labor Day

Next Monday – September 2nd – we celebrate Labor Day **Mass will be at 9:00 am.** Why not take the time this day to thank God for all He has given you. Including the ability to work.

This is an annual celebration of workers and their achievements which originated in the 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties and parades.

GUIDE TO MARRIAGE (continued from last week)

Theme 4: Sacrament of Christ's Love Relationship to Lived Experience Reflection

She felt that the world was crashing around her when she learned of her husband's affair. Still, she was determined to fight for her marriage, and he wanted desperately to heal what he had damaged. Popular wisdom was not on their side, and people let her know it, too. After tears and late-night talks, some angry exchanges, and lots of counseling and prayer, she and her husband reconciled. She would say it was faith that made the difference, but mostly they don't explain their decision to others. They just say, "We're married." That was ten years ago, and new friends would never guess what they went through. Most couples will not be so severely tested, but a failure to be forgiving can make even small faults—leaving the cap off the toothpaste, poor hygiene, or weak cooking skills—destructive to a marriage.

Discussion Questions

1. During the course of their marriage, many couples will experience at least one major challenge that threatens to break up the marriage. Besides infidelity, examples include an addiction to drugs, alcohol, or pornography; domestic abuse; and serious financial mismanagement. How could a Christian respond when a friend or family member is experiencing difficulty in marriage? How have you responded in such a situation?
2. What are some of the joyful things about being married? What are some of the challenges? Can something be both joyful and challenging?
3. How can the grace of the Sacrament of Marriage sustain couples in difficult times?
4. How did you learn about the importance of being married in the Church? How could religious education of children and youth about Christian marriage be improved?

Journaling Questions

1. One way that I could be more giving toward my spouse is _____. Here's how I will do it.
2. A difficulty I am dealing with now in my marriage is _____. With whom will I talk about this?
3. How has the grace of the Sacrament of Marriage sustained you in difficult times?

Read one of the articles on "For Every Marriage" or the "Marriage Rx" at www.foryourmarriage.org.
What new ideas did you gain for your marriage?

First Thursdays 2019-2020 at Sacred Heart Center

Phone 973-383-2620 E-Mail shretreatcenter@gmail.com

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on September 5, 2019. Here is our plan & schedule for this year:

Theme for First Thursdays – 2019-2020
“Living as Missionary Disciples”

Monthly Themes:

September: The New Evangelization – What, Why, How?

October: What Does It Mean to Be a Disciple?

November: Missionary Discipleship: Call and Challenge

December: Encountering Jesus

January: Women’s Weekend Retreat: Theme TBD
(No 1st Thursday)

February: Journey of Conversion

March: Becoming intentional Disciples

April: Living and Proclaiming Jesus and His Gospel

May: Mary: Model Missionary Disciple

June: Women’s Weekend Retreat: Theme TBD
(No 1st Thursday)

Mass Book for 2020

The annual book for Masses for Calendar year 2020 is now open. Please contact the office if you would like to schedule a Mass for a Loved One.

5 Things you Need to Know about “Offering a Mass for a Loved One:

1. It doesn’t cost anything. but if you are able to give an offering of \$10.00 is appreciated.
2. A Mass can be offered for a person who is still living.
3. You can have a Mass said in Thanksgiving or for a celebration.
4. It is not a long or difficult process to request a Mass, and a card can be prepared for you to send to the recipient.
5. Because the Mass is the highest form of worship on Earth, there are many fruits and graces that result from having a Mass said.

SACRAMENTAL NEEDS

Sacrament of Anointing: Please call the parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

Ministry to the Sick: Please call the parish office for a priest visit to the physically handicapped, aged, hospitalized, sick and shut in.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated individually every Saturday afternoon at 4:15pm or by individual appointment with Fr. Abuchi at any time.

Baptisms: Parents may contact the parish before or after their child's birth. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated every Sunday at the 11 am Mass or after. We also accommodate other days. You will be invited to attend a Pre-Baptismal session either before or after the birth of your child.

Sacramental Marriage ~ The couple should contact the office several months before the desired date for the marriage to insure proper preparation for this Sacrament. Those who are civilly married may also contact the priest to help them convalidate their marriage in the Church.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Adults interested in learning more about their faith or in becoming Catholic may join the program of formation and instruction.

Sponsor Certificates: Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active registered members of the parish who are receiving the Sacraments on a regular basis.

Parish Membership

Our Parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register. If you move to another parish, or change your address, please notify us.



Unfortunately some chose not to enter through the recommended narrow door but takes another route that leads to destruction.

As Jesus set His face to Jerusalem, He tells a nameless crowd, “unless you repent – or change the way you think and live – you will perish.” Someone then posed a question to him: “Will only a few people be saved?” Jesus was not asked who will be saved because the Jews presumed the Gentiles would be excluded from God’s kingdom in the world to come – with the possibility of very few exceptions. So basically, Jesus was really being asked, “will only a few Jews be saved?” In response to the question, He recommends “Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.” Jesus then sharpens that warning with a parable and unwinds the story of a homeowner who “shuts the door” keeping many from entering. Those outside shout “Lord, open to us.” From inside the house, the owner replies, “I do not know where you come from.” But they protest all the more noting from their calendars the times they ate together and hosted this man in their villages when he taught. All their protests are for naught and in the end, they are left outside in the cold. See here one of the most brutal, stark parables our Lord told. The self-assured “insiders” find themselves excluded and rejected. As the disciples rightly asked, “Who then can be saved?”

Like Isaiah in the first reading, Jesus shocks His listeners by telling them that God’s saving love would be made available to all people, all nations. Jesus tells those following him that all who thought they were “in” only to learn they are “out” will see the nations gathering to a banquet feast with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. “Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” Thus, He answered a question they hadn’t asked him as to who will be saved? “The prophet Isaiah’s vision of God calling all the nations together and this insider-outsider story from Luke are directing us to the same place. Clearly, God is far more accepting, radically more inclusive than we can possibly imagine. In fact, the parable signals a warning to all us, God’s people, the fellowship of insiders in the Church. “Are we in touch with our motives, our fears when tempted to judge others by our standards.” Can we hear what Jesus is saying? God’s grace is so radically inclusive, all will be invited to the Kingdom.” God includes every person of goodwill from every ethnicity, every nationality, every orientation, everywhere. “Such radical inclusivity forces us to re-think and re-configure the mission of God’s Church. The lessons will not allow us to pick and choose those to whom God sends us.”

Where do all these take us and how do we go from here? God’s heart of radical, gathering inclusion changes everything about who we are and what we are about. Structures that have kept the neediest at arms’ length must be dismantled. Language that imply killing of the unborn or unwanted born must be changed, the language that imply restriction even caution must be re-written. Even aspects of our lives or social gathering that might suggest some are included while others stand at a distance demand thoughtful reconsideration. Compassion with true forgiveness and reconciliation should be part of our Christian life. Jesus suggests entering the narrow door so as to warn that it isn’t a privilege for any group or certain people.

–Fr. Abuchi



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.”

–Pope Benedict XVI